

his kindness in coming to Kennett and operating before the society; to Dr. H. B. Graham for providing the patient and to Dr. C. J. Teass for the excellent entertainment he had provided for us. A visit was then paid to the immense smelter of the Mammoth Copper Co., which appealed greatly to all, after which we returned to the hospital, where an elaborate turkey dinner awaited us and to which all did justice.

The following were present: Drs. Wallace, Saylor, White, Lawry, Stevenson, Weber, Soothill, Varian, Gilliland, Cornish, Milliken, Frizell, Teass, Graham, Tuckerman, and Sandholdt, and all state it was the best meeting in the Society's history.

PHIL. H. WEBER, Secretary.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Rise of Man. A Sketch of the Origin of the Human Race. By Paul Carus. The Open Court Publishing Company, Chicago, 1907.

Diseases of the Rectum. Their Consequences and Non-Surgical Treatment. By W. C. Brinckerhoff, M. D. Orban Publishing Co., Chicago, 1907.

Plant Breeding. Comments on the Experiments of Nilsson and Burbank. By Hugo de Vries, Professor of Botany in the University of Amsterdam. The Open Court Publishing Co., Chicago, 1907.

A Practitioner's Handbook of Materia Medica and Therapeutics Based Upon the Established Physiological Actions and Indications in Small Doses. By Thomas S. Blair, M. D., Member American Medical Association, Pennsylvania Medical Society, Harrisburg Academy of Medicine, Member Visiting Staff of Harrisburg City Hospital, etc. Published by The Medical Council, 4105 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 1907.

Woman in Girlhood, Wifehood and Motherhood. Her Responsibilities and Duties at all Periods of Life. A Guide in the Maintenance of Her Health and that of Her Children. By Myer Solis-Cohen, A. B., M. D., Instructor in Physical Diagnosis, University of Pennsylvania; visiting physician to the Hospital for Diseases of the Lungs, Chestnut Hill; assistant physician to the Philadelphia General Hospital; physician to the Children's Dispensary of the Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia. The John C. Winston Co.

A Text-Book of the Practice of Medicine for Students and Practitioners. By Hobart Amory Hare, M. D., B. Sc., Professor of Therapeutics in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia; physician to the Jefferson Medical College Hospital; one time Professor of Diseases of Children in the University of Pennsylvania, etc. Lea Brothers & Co., 1907.

The appearance of a new edition of this text-book does not call for an extended review, since both the scope and the manner of presentation of the earlier edition are already well known. The general arrangement of the subject matter is, for the most part, like that of the average book of its kind. In some respects this is very unsatisfactory and inconsistent. Thus, in the opening chapter on infectious diseases, are included diseases due to known

bacteria, as well as diseases the etiological factor of which is unknown; as measles, smallpox and yellow fever; any or all of which may be due to an animal parasite. Toward the end of the book may be found the section devoted to diseases due to animal parasites, like malaria, African lethargy and filariasis. Malaria is certainly an infectious disease if yellow fever is to be included in that class. All the evidence certainly points to the latter being a disease of protozoan origin.

In the rewriting the author has made excellent use of the results of recent investigations. This is noticeable in many places, particularly in the discussion of infectious diseases, notably those met with in tropical climates. The amount of space given to the latter undoubtedly reflects the increased interest in them largely stimulated by the late territorial acquisitions of the United States. Criticism of unimportant details would hardly be justified in face of the general excellence of the work as a whole.

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Hints on the Management of Commoner Infections.

By R. W. Marsden, M. D., M. R. C. P., D. P. H. Honorary Physician to the Ancoats Hospital, Manchester; Honorary Assistant Physician to the Manchester Hospital for Consumption; formerly Medical Superintendent Monsall Fever Hospital and Clinical Lecturer in Infectious Diseases, Owens College. E. B. Treat & Company, 1907.

This small volume of 128 pages contains a resume of the principles of treatment to be observed in the management of infections or intoxications which are due to the direct or indirect action of micro-organisms. The book is written for practitioners and students. Written in unusually good English, the manual also has the advantage of being extremely well printed. The opening chapter considers general measures employed in handling fever cases. The condemnation of the routine use of antipyretic drugs will receive the support of intelligent practitioners. Of the use of alcohol in fevers the author says: "It may be of value as an occasional stimulant, but even under such conditions it is questionable whether, in cases where a repetition is likely to be called for, its beneficial effects can be compared to the result obtained from a fomentation or stupe applied to the precordial region in some cases, or to favorable effects of a hot or mustard pack in others." The bulk of the volume is given to a discussion of the treatment of specific infections. In this part, nor elsewhere, do we find any reference to Wright's method—the so-called opsonic method. Finally the work is concluded with an appendix containing practical directions for isolation and disinfection.

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A Treatise on the Principles and Practice of Medicine. By Arthur Edwards, A. M., M. D., Professor of the Principles and Practice of Medicine and of Clinical Medicine in the Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago; Attending Physician to Mercy, Welsey Hospitals, etc. Lea Brothers & Co., 1907.

This large volume of over 1300 pages is a new book on medicine written by a teacher and practitioner of long experience. Differing little in scope from many similar works, it presents the same traditional classification, although characterized, perhaps, by a clearer and more orderly arrangement than usual. Careful use has been made of types of various prominence to facilitate the finding of a topic and the appreciation of its importance. An unusual amount of space has been devoted to treatment, to the detailed consideration of drugs, and to numerous formulae and prescriptions. The reader